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Kevin and Elise,

In accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-126 I am requesting on behalf of the Chief of Staff authorization to travel on government (military) aircraft for the Administrator E. Scott Pruitt and his official party on 7 June 2017. This is a "required use mission" for exceptional scheduling requirements where the travel is for the purpose of conducting agency business and no commercial service is reasonably available to effectively fulfill the travel requirement. Specifically, the Administrator has been directed by the President of the United States to attend Infrastructure related events in Cincinnati on 7 June 2017. Due to this emergent requirement the Administrator and party will only have about 3-4 hours from the end of the event with the President in Cincinnati to get to JFK Airport to make a previously scheduled flight to Italy at 7:35PM. Per Kevin Chmielewski, the Director of Scheduling and Advance there are no regular commercial flights or charter flights that will logistically work to accomplish the mission. Due to this exceptional scheduling requirement the Chief of Staff, Ryan Jackson directed Kevin Chmielewski to coordinate through the White House for the use of military air (MILAIR). This MILAIR flight has been deemed "mission essential" by the Chief of Staff as it is the only mode of transportation that allows the Administrator to make the 7:35 PM flight at JFK Airport on 7 June 2017; thereby allowing the Administrator to meet his agenda in Italy which includes events at the Vatican. The flight is reimbursable from EPA to DOD at a cost of \$35,262.50.

This use of government air must meet the "Other Official Travel" criteria in 41 C.F.R. 301-70.801 in that the travel is for the purpose of conducting agency business and no commercial service is reasonably available to effectively fulfill the travel requirement; in this case extraordinary circumstances result in a very short period of travel time available for the administrator to arrive for scheduled agency business in Italy.

Please let me know if additional information or clarification is necessary to approve this action in an efficient manner.

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